

# SQL Query Tool

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## What Happens When You First Launch the Tool

SQL Query Tool is fully portable — no installation required. When you run the tool for the first time, it automatically creates three JSON files in the **same folder as the .exe**. You do not need to create these files manually.

**Files are created in the same folder as the exe:**

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SQL Query Tool\  
SQL-Query-Tool.exe  
saved_queries.json ← created on first save  
query_history.json ← created on first query run  
connection_profiles.json ← created on first profile save
```

*Because all files live in one folder, you can copy the entire folder to a USB drive or network share, run it on any Windows machine, and remove it when you are done — no trace left behind.*

## The Three Files

<code>saved_queries.json</code>	Stores every query you save using the Saved Queries panel. Organized into named groups. These are yours to keep — back this file up if you build up a library of useful queries.
<code>query_history.json</code>	Automatically records every query you execute — including the timestamp, server, database, row count, and elapsed time. Holds up to 200 entries. You do not need to do anything to maintain this file; the tool manages it automatically.
<code>connection_profiles.json</code>	Stores the connection profiles you save — server name, database, and authentication method. Passwords are not stored. If you move to a new machine, copy this file to restore your profiles.

## Backing Up Your Queries

Because all files are in the same folder as the exe, backing up is simple — copy the entire folder. To move your saved queries to a new machine, copy the whole **SQL Query Tool** folder and run the exe from the new location. Your queries, history, and profiles come with it.

The tool also supports **Import File** and **Import Folder** in the Saved Queries panel, so you can share individual .sql files or entire folders of scripts with colleagues.

## Windows SmartScreen Warning

When you first run the exe, Windows may show a blue '**Windows protected your PC**' warning. This is expected — the tool is not commercially code-signed. It does not mean the file is harmful.

#### To run the tool:

- Click **More info** in the warning dialog, then click **Run anyway**.
- Or right-click the exe > **Properties** > check **Unblock** at the bottom > click OK, then double-click to run.

## Quick Start

1. Double-click **SQL-Query-Tool.exe** — no installation required.
2. In the **Server** field, click the magnifying glass to discover SQL Server instances on your network, or type a server name directly.
3. Select a **Database** from the dropdown, choose your authentication method, and click **Connect**.
4. Type a query in the editor and press **F5** or **Ctrl+Enter** to run it.
5. Use **Saved Queries** in the toolbar to save queries you want to keep and reuse.

## Support

Built and maintained by **Alliance Premier Consulting Group**. If you have questions or run into an issue, contact us:

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